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HELENA, MONTANA 59620

January 24, 1984

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Salois and Sons, Browning, MT

Board of County Commissioners, Glacier Co. Courthouse, Cut Bank, MT
Earl Old Person, Chairman, Blackfeet Tribal Council, Browning, MT
Steve Barcus, Mayor, P. O. Box 458, Browning, MT
Dave Mosier, County Sanitarian, 706 Second St. SE, Cut Bank, MT
Jim Anderson, Program Director, Glacier County Road Dept., Cut Bank, MT
Ron Paul, Box 597, Browning, MT
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Bldg., Helena, MT
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Garry Salois dba Salois and Sons, Browning, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau

Project or Application Garry Salois/dba/Salois and Sons

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility west of Browning, Montana (see map)

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics				X		X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

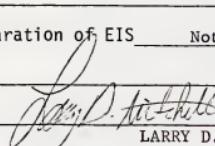
	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income				X		X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction _____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. City of Browning _____

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary _____

PER Prepared by: _____



LARRY D. MITCHELL

Date: January 24, 1984

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5. Aesthetics

The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and regulations require that all junk vehicles and vehicle wrecking yards be shielded from public view. This proposed facility has been screened from public roadways with an attractive solid wood fence approximately eight feet high. The west, south and east sides of the facility are required to be shielded. The north side is not visible from any public roads but the applicant plans to fence it for security and access control reasons.

This facility is approximately .75 acre in size measuring 225 feet wide and 140 feet deep north to south. It will be capable of storing an inventory of approximately 150 vehicles. Stacking vehicles will not be permissible unless fence heights are adequate to shield. Following completion of the gate area along the south fence and removal of junked vehicles outside the fence, this facility will be in compliance with the shielding requirements of state law and eligible for licensing.

A properly screened and maintained motor vehicle wrecking facility does not have a significant aesthetic impact on the environment. Minor problems may occur from vehicles being placed outside the fencing. The small size of the storage lot will limit the size of the operation. The operator will have to manage his inventory carefully in order to avoid "junk vehicle overflow". Junked vehicles as defined by Section 75-10-501 MCA 1979 are not permitted outside the shielded area. License revocation and civil or criminal penalties are remedies available to enforce the shielding requirements of state law.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
8. Quantity and distribution of employment

The successful operation of a licensed motor vehicle wrecking facility business may have a minor but positive impact on any or all of the above criteria. The applicant currently operates a vehicle towing business and does some vehicle repair work. The addition of a parts salvage business should increase the business opportunities for the applicant and his employees.

10. Demands for government services

The site will require routine field inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials to assure that it is being maintained and operated in compliance with the requirements of state law. Demands on local government services such police and fire protection, solid waste disposal and road maintenance should not increase significantly beyond that already necessary to support the existing residence and vehicle towing and repair business.



13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

Before a wrecking facility license can be approved or a facility established for licensing, the location chosen for the facility site must be zoned for that use. The mayor of Browning has certified on the license application that the site of this proposed facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances.



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room A201, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: Gary W. Sabo
- 2) Name of facility: Sabos & Sons
- 3) Address: Box 113 Browning Montana 59417
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: Lots 1 thru 5 - Blk 16
NORMAN tract 4-32-11
- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:
Name: _____
Address: _____
- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).
TITLE: Dr. Brown Mayor
OF: Town of Browning
(city or county)

- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: 7-1-83
- SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Gary W. Sabo PHONE: 338-7491
TITLE: owner & operator RECEIVED 5-23-83
DATE: MAY 26 1983



